


PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT  
U.S. Patent Application No. 09/822,025

**REMARKS**

Entry and consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested. By this Amendment, Applicant has amended the specification to reference the parent PCT application. Further, Applicant has amended the specification and claims to incorporate the Article 11 amendments made in the parent PCT application. Applicant respectfully submits that the no new matter has been added.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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**APPENDIX**

**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

**The specification is changed as follows:**

**Page 1, insert before the first line the sentence:**

This is a continuation application of PCT Patent Application PCT/JP98/05106, filed November 13, 1998, which was published in Japanese.

**Page 6, first full paragraph:**

The present invention also provides a discharge electrode used for carrying out a surface treatment method using electric discharge [as described above] in a working liquid containing no carbon components, wherein the electrode is a powder compressed electrode obtained by compression-molding powder of molybdenum, molybdenum disulfide, boron nitride, tungsten disulfide, carbon, silver, gold, lead, tin, indium, nickel or turcite, which is a compound of carbon and flourine, or a metal electrode comprising one or more of these components.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

**The claims are amended as follows:**

2. (Amended) The surface treatment method using electric discharge according to claim 1, wherein the material having solid lubricant effect is molybdenum, molybdenum disulfide,

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boron nitride,[,] tungsten disulfide, carbon, silver, gold, lead, tin, indium, nickel, or turcite, which is a compound of carbon and fluorine.

4. (Amended) An electrode, for discharge surfaced treatment, used for carrying out a surface treatment method using electric discharge in a working liquid containing no carbon components, wherein the electrode being a powder compressed electrode obtained by compression-molding powder of molybdenum, molybdenum disulfide, boron nitride, tungsten disulfide, carbon, silver, gold, lead, tin, indium, nickel, or turcite, which is a compound of carbon and fluorine, or a metal electrode comprising one or more of these components.